Plea for amending the Elementary Education Regulation in view of the Present Financial Condition.

MR. B. MARULAPPA (Hosdurga Taluk).—

Q.—49. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Government have called for a ten-year scheme for the expansion of the elementary education from all the District Boards and local education authorities in the State ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that all the education authorities have submitted their scheme long back to the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore ?

(*c*) What was the object of Government in calling for such a scheme ?

(*d*) What action has been taken on the said proposals ?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—49. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) To give effect to the Regulation.

(*d*) The schemes received so far have been examined with reference to the financial resources of the respective local education authorities and it is found that almost all the local education authorities have not got the necessary financial resources to put the scheme into operation.

MR. B. MARULAPPA.—Has not the Chitaldrug District Board sent up its scheme and if so, why has it not been sanctioned yet ?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The scheme has been received ; but, as regards the funds for working out the scheme, the District Board suggested the utilisation of railway cess collections which could not be agreed to.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—Why have not the proposals of the Mysore City Municipality been sanctioned yet ?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—Their proposals relating to the list of schools to be opened have been received, but not proposals from the local education authority relating to the financial aspect of that question.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAPPA GOWDA.—Has not the Mysore District Board sent up a self-contained scheme ? If so, why is there delay in sanctioning it ?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The scheme is only a partial scheme. However, it is receiving consideration.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—Answer to question (*d*) says that local education authorities have not got the necessary financial resources to put their schemes into operation. Is there any chance of their being able to find the resources in the near future ? If not, what are the chances of working out the schemes of expansion ?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—This is a matter on which nobody can prophesy at present.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—Has not the Mysore District Board shown ways and means for working out its scheme ?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—No. Only part of the scheme can be worked out on the basis of the present financial possibilities.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—Is there any objection to accepting the proposals, at least to the extent which the Department considers feasible ?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The suggestion will be considered.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—Already four years have been wasted in discussing the schemes. Will not further delay amount to a denial of educational facilities to thousands of young boys and girls ?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—When funds are not available, that becomes an inevitable result. We are sorry for it, but we cannot help it.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—At least in places where schools are not started, why should not the levy of education cess be discontinued ?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—It is impossible to agree to a suggestion of that kind. The cess collections are not meant for any new expenditure. They are meant for expenditure which is already incurred.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—At least within the next six years, would it be pos-

sible for the Government to sanction schemes and see that schools are opened in all places where they do not exist at present?

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—Government cannot definitely answer that question which is entirely one of funds.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—Have not the Government promised a number of times that they would provide enough funds if properly considered schemes for expansion were submitted by the local education authorities?

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—Yes. Since those promises were made, conditions have materially changed for the worse, and just as local education authorities have their financial difficulties, the Government also have theirs. Besides, the schemes expected of the local education authorities were for a ten-year period; but, in many cases only one-year schemes have been submitted. The question whether such partial schemes may be sanctioned in view of the financial position of both the Government and the local education authorities is now engaging attention.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—In case there are any defects in the proposals submitted by local education authorities, the Government are certainly empowered to rectify them and sanction modified schemes. Why not the Government, in exercise of such powers, sanction the opening of at least 10 schools in each district every year, providing their contribution only in respect of such number of schools?

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—Government are just now thinking of preparing a provincial plan on such lines.

A MEMBER.—Is it under contemplation to amend the Elementary Education Regulation because the Government themselves are unable to provide funds for sanctioning their quota even if the local education authorities are prepared to meet their share of the cost of the additional schools?

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—That is a technical point. Let us first see how education should progress and then for the reason stated, if Government are advised that an amendment to the Regulation is necessary, we shall consider the question.

MR. V. VENKATAPPA.—To the extent the local education authorities find it possible to provide funds for opening new schools, why should not the Government sanction such partial schemes and give their own quota?

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—The local education authorities may re-examine such schemes and send up revised proposals.

MR. V. VENKATAPPA.—If only particular local education authorities send up partial schemes and also show ways and means of financing them, why should the Government withhold sanction because other local education authorities have not submitted similar schemes?

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—In all such cases, the local education authorities concerned may submit revised schemes.

Plea for the Electrification of the Davangere Town.

MR. CHENNAGIRI RANGAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—51. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Since how many years the citizens of Davangere are agitating for the supply of electricity to Davangere?

(*b*) How many times during the last two or three years the officers of Government proceeded to Davangere and discussed the subject with the people of that place?

(*c*) What is the cost of the estimate prepared for the supply of electricity to Davangere from Sivasamudram?

(*d*) Have Government prepared any scheme for supply of electric power by motor installation at Davangere; if so, what is the cost of the estimate?

(*e*) Are Government aware of their reply to me on the subject during the last Budget Session of the Assembly that it would be possible to supply electricity to Davangere in case it is supplied to Bhadravati?